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MEETING

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1. SUMMARY. MAIN FOCUS OF I AND NR COMMITTEE MEETING AND
CORRIDOR DISCUSSIONS WAS ENERGY CRISIS WITH ECAFE EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY MARAMIS AND DELEGATE VIEWS CONSONANT WITH WASHINGTON
STATEMENTS ON QUESTION. UPCOMING ECAFE MEETING ON ENERGY
PROVIDES EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO GET REGIONAL SUPPORT FOR
MANY OF OBJECTIVES WE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH IN CURRENT WASHINGTON
MEETING. ECAFE IS MOVING UNDER DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP NEW
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-MEETINGS START ON TIME, INTERVENTIONS
SHORT AND USUALLY TO POINT, BUSINESS ACCOMPLISHED AHEAD OF
SCHEDULE AND SECRETARIAT IS PROUD OF THIS ACCOMPLISHMENT.
COMMITTEE ENDORSED IMPRESSIVE ASIAN INDUSTRIAL SURVEY FOR
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REGIONAL COOPERATION FOR DISTRIBUTION BOTH GOVERNMENTS AND

PRIVATE SECTOR. REPORT OF 1000 PAGES IS SURVEY GENERAL FEASIBILITY CREATING REGIONAL MARKET IN IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL SECTORS AND ALTHOUGH SOME OF CALCULATIONS ARE OUT OF DATE, IT IS GOOD BASIS FOR FUTURE MORE FOCUSSED FEASIBILITY SURVEYS. COMMITTEE ALSO TOOK CONSTRUCTIVE ACTION ON ENERGY AND MINERALS EXPLORATION ITEMS, WHICH HAVE BEEN ONE OF ECAFE'S STRONGER AREAS, AND ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENDA ITEM.

2. ENERGY. ENERGY CRISIS OBVIOUSLY MAJOR CONCERN OF DELEGATES TO ECAFE I AND NR MEETING. CORRIDOR DISCUSSIONS INDICATE MANY COUNTRIES FEAR DISASTER WITH HIGH FUEL AND FOOD COSTS. MARAMIS FOUND SAME CONCERN AMONG HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOVERNMENTS HE CONSULTED IN COURSE OF RECENT VISIT TO NEW YORK. MARAMIS' POSITION AND PLANS FOR CONCERTING ACTION IN UPCOMING ECAFE ENERGY MEETING FEBRUARY 25 TO MARCH 1 ARE IN ACCORD WITH OUR PUBLIC POSITION AS OUTLINED USIA CIRCULAR REF C. MARAMIS SEES ECAFE ENERGY MEETING AS NECESSARY PREPARATION FOR PLENARY IN COLOMBO MARCH 27 TO APRIL 8, 1974 WHICH HE HOPES WILL ENDORSE COOPERATIVE POLICIES TO MEET CRISIS. HE RECONFIRMS STRONG BACKING OF UN SECRETARIAT FOR MEETING (REFTEL B) WHICH HAS ASSIGNED EXPERTS TO HELP IN PREPARATIONS. UPCOMING ENERGY MEETING OFFERS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY PROMOTE OUR OBJECTIVES IN ENERGY FIELD. IN ADDITION TO PARTICIPATION OF BENNSKY WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE PAPER THAT MOBIL GEOLOGIST MAY BE PREPARED TO SUBMIT. IF HE PREPARES PAPER, WOULD BE DESIRABLE INCLUDE HIM AS ADVISER TO DELEGATION AT OWN EXPENSE. PLEASE ASK USGS TO CONTACT CREIGHTON BURKE MOBIL OIL CORPORATION REGARDING PAPER AND INFORM REINEMUND NEXT WEEK IN JAKARTA.

3. REGIONAL COOPERATION. ECAFE HAS JUST PUBLISHED ASIAN INDUSTRIAL SURVEY FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION BY TEAM OF ECONOMISTS HEADED BY DUTCHMAN WITH ASSISTANCE OF 14 COUNTRIES AND 4 UN ORGANIZATIONS. THIS IS IMPRESSIVE 1000 PAGE SURVEY OF ECONOMIC POTENTIAL OF REGIONAL MARKET FOR 12, -1\$7 548-) 3:594 8,:7\$8,& *3458)8"34, PAPER, PETRO-CHEMICALS, ETC. (BEING FORWARDED BY AIRGRAM). STUDY COVERS PRIMARILY INDONESIA, KHMER REPUBLIC, KOREA, LAOS, MALAYSIA, PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE, SRI LANKA, THAILAND AND VIETNAM. ALTHOUGH SOME OF DATA IS QUESTIONABLE AND OUT-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF-DATE BECAUSE OF ENERGY PRICE INCREASES, ETC. STUDY PROVIDES USEFUL BASIS FOR BUSINESSMEN WHO DESIRE TO MAKE MORE FOCUSSED FEASIBILITY STUDIES. COMMITTEE SUPPORTED RECOMMENDATION OF ASIAN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO STIMULATE INTEREST OF GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTORS IN SURVEY. THIS WAS IN LINE WITH US DELEGATION RECOMMENDATION AND AT VARIANCE WITH ONE OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF SURVEY WHICH ADVOCATE "PACKAGE" APPROACH E.E. GOVERN-

MENTS' ALLOCATING INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS AMONG THEIR OWN COUNTRIES BEFORE TURNING THEM OVER TO PRIVATE SECTOR TO DETERMINE ITS INTEREST. STUDY RECOMMENDS ACTION BE CONSONANT WITH GATT AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS AND HAS POTENTIAL FOR HELPING ACHIEVE ECAFE DREAM OF REGIONAL MARKETS FOR PRODUCTS. ADDITIONAL THEOLOGICAL DISCUSSION OF NATIONAL POLICIES ON INDUSTRY AND SMALL-SCALE INDUSTRY WAS MERCIFULLY SHORT.

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4. MINERALS AND ENERGY SOURCE EXPLORATION. NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF SECRETARIAT ATTEMPTED TO RAILROAD COMMITTEE INTO APPROVING UNREALISTIC PLAN FOR EXPANSION OF REGIONAL MINERAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT CENTER THAT WOULD LEAVE OUTGOING CHIEF OF MINERALS DIVISION AS NEW COORDINATOR OF CENTER. INDONESIAN DELEGATION AND C.Y. LI OF COMMITTEE FOR COORDINATING OFFSHORE PROSPECTING QUIETLY LED BLOCKING ACTION BACKED BY OTHER DELEGATES INCLUDING U.S., SINCE PRESENT CHIEF OF MINERALS DIVISION DOES NOT HAVE SUPPORT OF COUNTRIES MOST CONCERNED. CENTER'S ACTIVITIES WILL PROBABLY BE TRANSFERRED TO INDONESIAN FACILITIES AND COMMITTEE INDICATED THAT ONE

OF FOUR EXPERTS ALREADY PROMISED BY JAPAN AND GERMANY SHOULD ACT AS COORDINATOR UNTIL PERMANENT ONE IS SELECTED. COMMITTEE STRESSED THAT IF CENTER IS TO BECOME GOING CONCERN, IT SHOULD HAVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. COMMITTEE ALSO ENDORSED VIEW THAT NEW TIN CENTER BE ESTABLISHED, WHICH WAS ON UNDERSTANDING IT WILL OBTAIN MAJOR SUPPORT FROM THAILAND, MALAYSIA AND INDONESIA AND UNDP. IN RELATED ACTION AND IN LINE WITH U.S. VIEWS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMITTEE POSTPONED AT LEAST UNTIL COMMISSION MEETING IN COLOMBO A DECISION ON PROPOSAL FOR A NEW REGIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES CENTER PROPOSED BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY. WE SEE POSSIBILITY, IF TIMING IS RIGHT, TO INCLUDE CERTAIN ACTIVITIES OF SUCH A CENTER UNDER NEW REGIONAL MINERAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT CENTER.

5. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. THE COMMITTEE ENDORSED PLANS OF UNESCO, UNIDO AND ECAFE TO COOPERATE IN ORGANIZING NATIONAL SEMINARS TO GIVE FLESH AND BONES TO ASIAN PLAN OF ACTION FOR APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT. (BEING FORWARDED BY AIRGRAM). THE COMMITTEE DID NOT AGREE WITH ACTION OF REGIONAL EXPERT GROUP ON THIS SUBJECT THAT HAD HIGHLIGHTED ONLY CORROSION AND WEATHER MODIFICATION AS SUBJECTS FOR EMPHASIS. THE COMMITTEE CALLED ATTENTION TO NEED FOR RESEARCH IN FINDING BETTER SOURCES OF FOOD, PARTICULARLY PROTEINS.

6. INSTITUTIONAL. MARAMIS AND PERMREP REFORMS BEING ACCEPTED WITH MEETING MOVING AHEAD OF SCHEDULE. HE IS CARRYING OUT AMBITIOUS PLAN TO GET SECRETARIAT PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION ON SCHEDULE, GET ECAFE TO CUT BACK ON MEETING TIME, AND TO GIVE MORE EMPHASIS TO THOUGHT AND ACTION. SECRETARIAT AND DELEGATES' MORALE OBVIOUSLY IMPROVED.

7. ERTS DISPLAY. PLAN FOR ERTS DISPLAY AT ECAFE PLENARY REPORTED SEPTEL.
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